

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-173, the status of which is as follows:

(a) Claims 2-26, 28-30, 32, 33, 35-47, 49, 50, 53-62, 64-70, 72-77, 79-86, 88-96, 98, 99, and 102-128 are original.

(b) Claims 1, 27, 31, 34, 48, 51, 52, 63, 71, 78, 87, 97, 100, 101, 129, and 130 have been currently amended.

(c) Claims 131-173 have been withdrawn.

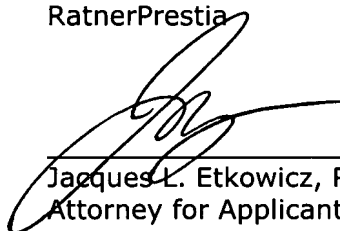
No new matter has been added.

The applicants have amended claims 1, 27, 31, 34, 48, 51, 52, 63, 71, 78, 87, 97, 100, 101, 129, and 130 to remove the words "endothelial layer of the gastrointestinal tract" from the recitation of the invention, and to instead recite "layer of the gastrointestinal tract." Examples of driving of a drug through both the endothelial layer and the epithelial layer are found throughout the specification as filed, and the applicants have therefore amended the claims to include within their scope driving a drug through a "layer" of the gastrointestinal tract.

The applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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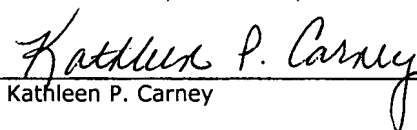
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